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Applicant : Kenneth R. Schmidt et al.

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P.O. Box 1450

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PETITION FOR TIME EXTENSION

Sir:

A Response is enclosed.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), please extend the shortened period for response by one (1) month. The extension fee is:

[X] \$ 120.00 (37 CFR 1.17a1)

[ ] \$ 60.00 (37 CFR 1.17a1) this  
application is entitled to  
small entity status)

A Credit Card Payment Form is enclosed for the time extension fee. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency of the time extension fee to my deposit account No. 20-1124.

Respectfully submitted,

IN DUPLICATE

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence and enclosures are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on May 11, 2006.

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